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UPDATE: PROJECT CEASEFIRE
KC MAN SENTENCED FOR ILLEGAL FIREARM

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City man was sentenced in federal court today for illegally possessing a firearm. Today's sentencing, Graves said, is a result of Project Ceasefire, the district's ongoing anti-crime initiative.

John B. Taylor, 29, of Kansas City, was sentenced by U.S. Chief District Judge Dean Whipple this morning to four years and nine months in federal prison without parole.

On Jan. 31, 2005, **Taylor** pleaded guilty to being a felon in possession of a firearm. By pleading guilty, **Taylor** admitted that he was in possession of a Fabrique Nationale .32-caliber semi-automatic pistol on June 9, 2004. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Taylor** has a 1998 criminal felony conviction for possession of a controlled substance and a 2000 criminal felony conviction for being a felon in possession of a firearm.

Taylor was originally charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on Nov. 16, 2004, in Kansas City.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney David A. Barnes. It was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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